



Phil Boyer to Appear at Montana Aviation Conference

AOPA President Phil Boyer will speak at the awards luncheon during the Montana Aviation Conference on Saturday, March 4, 2000. The conference is being held March 2 – 4 at the Grand Montana Holiday Inn at Billings.

Phil Boyer became only the third full-time president in the 60-year history of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association on January 1, 1991.

A long-time broadcasting executive and general aviation advocate, Boyer is a 5,500 hour instrument and multiengine rated pilot who has been flying for more than 32 years, 14 of those as an aircraft owner.

Boyer was previously Senior Vice President-Development for Capital Cities/ABC Video Enterprises, Inc. There, he explored new business opportunities in communications technologies and coordinated ABC's international business activities. Boyer also created ABC's "Wide World of Flying" quarterly subscription-based video magazine.

Among several top executive posts at ABC, he held vice president and general manager positions at flagship ABC television stations WABC-TV in New York and WLS-TV in Chicago. Boyer's broadcasting career began at his Portland, Oregon home, where a small basement radio station eventually became the campus radio station of Lewis and Clark College.

Boyer earned a degree in communications from Sacramento State University, stayed on there as an associate professor of communications, and later became program director and station manager for KCRA-TV in Sacramento.

The recipient of numerous broadcasting awards, Boyer has served as president of a major broadcasters association. In aviation, he was chapter president of the American Bonanza Society and president of the Sacramento Valley Pilots Association. He has been honored by the Federal Aviation Administration for his "save" of a fellow pilot in distress and has flown the Atlantic twice in a general aviation aircraft.

On February 13, 1992, Boyer was elected president of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations, which represents 50 national AOPA organizations and 400,00+ pilots around the world.

With his unique background in aviation, communications, associations and business management, Phil Boyer is uniquely qualified to lead the 355,000 member AOPA into the next century in service to America's 616,000 pilots and aircraft owners.

Make plans now to attend the conference. The Billings conference committee being chaired by Tim McGinnis of MAC Engines and Propellers and his volunteers are working diligently to plan an informative, exciting conference. This year's conference sponsors are the Montana Pilots Association, Montana Aviation Trades Association, Montana Antique Airplane Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

The program will include something for each and every one of you with or without an interest in aviation. A variety of concurrent sessions will be offered. If any of you have a particular topic you would be willing to present or know of an interesting speaker for a concurrent session please let us know.

Exhibitors from across the country have reserved exhibit space for the trade show. These companies donate thousands of dollars in door prizes to be given away during the Conference. For those of you who pre-register for the conference, a special drawing will be held – you must pre-register to be eligible.

A special spouse/guest program will be offered and students will be invited to attend an aviation aerospace career awareness session. Please invite or bring along your high school students to participate in this excellent aviation career program.

Registration fees are \$45 for an individual and \$60 for a family. This allows entrance into all sessions and includes drink tickets to a hospitality hour and luncheon on Friday.

Meal tickets are separate from the registration with the exception of the Friday luncheon and must be reserved no later than 48 hours in advance of each meal. Tickets for the kick-off luncheon must be reserved through pre-registration.

Again this year a TAKEOFF TO LANDING PACKAGE will be offered. Pay one price to all conference functions at a reduced rate.

Rooms for the conference have been blocked at: Holiday Inn Grand Montana (406)248-7701 at the rate of \$61; \$71 or \$91; Ramada (406)252-2584 at the rate of \$43.99; Billings Hotel and Convention Center (406)248-7151 at the rate of \$50; Kelly Inn (406)252-2700 at the rate of \$46 or \$56; and at the Best Western Billings (406)248-9800 at the rate of \$48 or \$56. Please be sure to let the motels know you are affiliated with the Montana Aviation Conference.

Book your room today! Register for the conference by completing the registration form inside the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you in Billings.



Phil Boyer

Administrator's Column

Lee Tower Goes West: It was with great surprise and regret to learn that Lee Tower folded his wings and "went west" on November 29th as the result of a heart attack. Lee had been very active in the aviation community in the Kalispell area for many years. Lee was an active aviator and a member of several aviation organizations including the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association and the Montana Antique Airplane Association. He had just completed the restoration of his Bellanca. Lee had many community involvements and interests and had also served in the Montana State Legislature. On behalf of the Montana Aeronautics Board & Division and the Montana aviation community, I wish to extend our condolences to Lee's wife Jo and the entire Tower family.

Barry Valentine Joins GAMA: The General Manufacturers Association (GAMA) has announced that Barry Valentine has joined GAMA as senior vice president of international affairs. You may remember Barry Valentine when he attended our aviation conference in Missoula three years ago. Barry was the FAA Acting Administrator at that time. Barry was a pilot in the USAF and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam and is a long time GA pilot. He is also a long time member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and serves on their Board of Directors. GAMA is becoming more and more involved in the international rulemaking in recent years in an attempt to establish fair and common sense international regulations. As you know the U.S. aviation industry is becoming more and more concerned with the excessively restrictive regulation attempts by the European countries. We need a stronger voice in these negotiations and Barry Valentine will be an excellent asset in representing GAMA's interests.

FAA Withdraws Proposal To Change Mechanic Certification:

The FAA has withdrawn its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) which would have drastically changed the regulation governing Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) mechanic certification. The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) had opposed the NPRM due to the increased burden which would have been placed on the industry employing the licensed A&P's as well as unlicensed repairmen. There were over 2000 negative comments submitted. The FAA had been working on the proposed changes for the past 11 years so I have to applaud the FAA for listening.

National Parks Air Tour Legislation Stalled:

The National Parks air tour legislation which calls for implementing air tour management plans at various national parks is held up because it is part of the FAA reauthorization bill which Senator conferees refused to compromise on thus there will be no action until Congress reconvenes in year 2000. The FAA and the National Park Service have been meeting to consider the plans and the FAA is ready to release its NPRM as soon as Congress adopts legislation providing for the regulations.

AOPA Opposes Air Space Increase At Salt Lake City:

If you fly through the Salt Lake City area you may be interested to learn that the FAA is proposing to increase the Class B airspace ceiling from 10,000 to 12,000 feet msl plus expand the limits to east of the Ogden-Hinkley Airport. The FAA claims they need the expansion because of "numerous complaints about near mid-air collisions (NMACs)" and "many TCAS events" involving General Aviation aircraft. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is opposing the expansion claiming that the FAA has refused to provide data justifying the expansion. Dennis Roberts, AOPA VP and executive director for government and technical affairs stated "We asked FAA to provide details about the NMACs and TCAS events and they refused". FAA told us we would have to request the information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Roberts stated "It seems to us that if there are data demonstrating a safety concern, FAA would willingly share it with the public." Roberts questions if there is in fact, such data as AOPA searched FAA's Near Midair Collisions Systems and the Air Safety Reporting System (ASRS) for reports of near midairs in the Salt Lake City area between General Aviation aircraft and air carrier aircraft and found that since 1985 there have been only three such incidents reported, the most recent in 1996 and that these incidents all occurred within the existing Class B airspace. Roberts further stated "The SLC Terminal Area Chart does not depict the most-used air carrier arrival and departure tracks, leading pilots to believe they are flying in areas of light traffic, AOPA is disappointed that FAA is proposing to take more airspace before taking the common sense approach of just telling pilots where they're likely to encounter heavy traffic." "AOPA does not oppose all airspace actions, but we oppose those actions that needlessly affect the safe and efficient use of airspace by General Aviation""



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A Pilot's Christmas

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'Twas the night before Christmas and out on the ramp,
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.
The aircraft were fastened to tie downs with care,
In the hope that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,
While peak gusts from two-zero-zero reached 39 knots.
And I at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,
Had just settled comfortably down on my butt.

When over the radio, there arose such as clatter,
I turned up the squelch to see what was the matter.
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,
Asked for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked out his transmission so lively and quick,
I could have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick".
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Sure that it was only Horizon's late Dash.

Then he called his position, and there could be no denial,
"This is St. Nicholas One and I'm turning on final."
When what to my wonder eyes should appear,
A British Aerospace sleigh, and eight Turbine reindeer.

He flew the approach on glide slopes he came,
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun! On Comet! On Cupid!"
What pills was he taking?

Those last couple of fixes left controllers confused,
And they called down to the office to give me the news.
The message they left was both urgent and dour:
"When Santa lands, could he please call the tower?"

He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,
Then I heard "Exit at Charlie" and "Taxi to parking."
So up to the offices the couriers they flew,
With loud airplane noise, and St. Nicholas, too.

He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,
I had run out to him with my best set of chocks.
He was dressed all in fur, which was covered with frost
And his beard was all blackened from reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,
He smoked on a pipe, (but he didn't inhale).
He had a broad face and his armpits were smelly,
And his boots were as black as a crop dusters belly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old fool,
And he kindly informed me that he needed some fuel.
A wink of his eye and a twist of toes,
Led me to know he was desperate to powder his nose.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.
He came out of the restroom with a sigh of relief,
And then picked up a phone for a flight service brief.

And I thought, as he silently scribed in his log,
That with Rudolph, he could land in one eighth mile in fog.
Next, he completed his preflight, from the front to the rear,
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell "Clear!"

And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,
He called up the tower for his clearance and squawk.
"Straight out on two-zero", the tower called forth,
"And watch for a Cessna straight in from the North."

But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he climbed in the night,
"Happy Christmas to all, I have traffic in sight."



Calendar

January 28 – 30, 2000 – Winter Survival Clinic, Helena.

February 4 – 5, 2000 – Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Helena.

March 2 - 4, 2000 – Montana Aviation Conference, Billings.



CIVIL AIR PATROL

The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) will be held at the Town & Country Hotel (1-800-854-2608) in San Diego, California, March 15-18, 2000. Sponsored annually by Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and many other aerospace organizations, NCASE is the premier event in aerospace education for teachers. Teachers in all fields of study are encouraged to attend and learn how to utilize aerospace topics in the classroom to facilitate the learning process.

Montana teachers who are aerospace education members of CAP are eligible for military airlift aboard United States Air Force (USAF) aircraft to and from NCASE 2000 with prior arrangement through the aerospace education officer for Montana Wing-CAP. Captain Kaye Ebel is the current aerospace education officer for CAP in Montana and she is also a social studies teacher at Target Range Middle School in Missoula and can be contacted via e-mail at kebel@uswest.net. Captain Ebel can also inform teachers how to apply for Eisenhower Funds to help pay for the trip to NCASE 2000. For anyone who is unaware, Captain Ebel was a recipient of the Excellence in Aviation Education Award from the General Aviation and Manufacturers Association at the 1999 NCASE.

CAP is also arranging discount airfares with Delta Airlines for all NCASE 2000 attendees. To get the discount airfare identification number, teachers can access CAP's new website at <http://www.capnhq.gov>. For more information about CAP's aerospace education programs, the cadet program, or teacher workshops, call the USAF-CAP Liaison Office at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls at 1-888-454-3287 or access CAP's website. CAP is the official recognized all civilian volunteer Auxiliary of the USAF and squadrons established in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Harlowton, Havre, Helena, Kalispell, Lewistown, Miles City, and Missoula.



AERONAUTICS MECHANICS SEMINAR/IA RENEWAL

The Montana Aeronautics Division is pleased to announce the 2000 Mechanics Seminar/IA renewal will once again be held in conjunction with this year's Montana Aviation Conference.

The dates for the conference are March 2-4, 2000. The Mechanics Seminar will be held on Friday March 3 and continue through Saturday March 4.

We will once again be offering six hours of training on Friday and a full eight hours of training on Saturday. This worked out well in past years for those mechanics only wanting to attend on Saturday but still needing the training to update their IA for renewal.

Mechanics attending this year's seminar will be required to register for the Aviation Conference. The registration fee will be \$45.00. This allows you to attend all concurrent sessions, morning and afternoon coffee breaks with snacks, lunch on Friday and two drink tickets to a cocktail party held in the exhibit area Friday night. Or if only attending Saturday a \$15.00 day pass can be obtained.

TENTATIVE SPEAKERS:

*Corrosion Technologies-Jim Van Gilder
Hartwig Fuel Cell Repair-Carl Hartwig
Garrett Aviation-Gil Ewan
Teledyne Continental Motors-Loren Lemen
Champion Aviation Products-Frank Gurko
B&S Aircraft-Mike James
Shell Oil-Ben Visser
Precision Airmotive-Allen Jesmer
Steve Jones & Staff-Helena FSDO
Avantext-Matt Davison*

Make plans now to attend, to discuss and learn the latest in aircraft maintenance.

John Doster Passes On

John H. Doster, 83, died November 13. He was the husband of Katherine S. (Sheffield) Doster. They were married for 59 years last month.

He was an Administrator for the Federal Aviation Administration for 47 years before retiring in 1989 as Chief of the FAA district office at Lehigh Valley International Airport. At LVIA, he started flight instructor programs and safety meetings, and in 1973, the office was cited as the nation's best by FAA officials.

Doster previously was an assistant manager of the Charlotte (N.C.) Airport and a flight instructor at the University of North Carolina.

During World War II he flew counter-intelligence assignments for the U.S. Embassy and was a flight instructor for the Army Air Corps and the Air Force.

He was president of the Q. B. Club of Allentown and a member of the OX5 Aviation Pioneers.

MOONEY M20T LOSES COMMUNICATIONS

On December 12, 1999 a Mooney M20T filed an IFR flight plan from Felts Field in Spokane, Washington at 1834Z, to the destination airport of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The pilot was the only occupant on board. The instrument rated pilot, who was in instrument meteorological conditions 30 NM northeast of Missoula, reported a loss of manifold pressure to Spokane Approach. The pilot requested a vector to the nearest airport. Spokane Approach gave the pilot a radar vector of 270 degrees, to the Missoula airport. The pilot reported that his engine failed and the next report was that he had lost his gyro instruments. Radar and radio contact with the pilot were lost at 1935Z, the altitude of the Mooney was 8,400'.

The Mooney was located by Mike and Mark Mamuzich of Minuteman Aviation, Missoula, Montana on December 13, 1999 at 1735Z. The wreckage was located approximately 1 mile northwest of the last radar position plotted by Salt Lake Center. The pilot did not survive the crash and was recovered by Minuteman Aviation and the Missoula Sheriff's Department.

Thank you to the volunteers that gave their time and aircraft to the search effort. Thank you to Minuteman Aviation for the use of their facilities for our search operations base.

EAA AIR ACADEMY OFFERS PROGRAMS

Adult programs focusing on aircraft maintenance and building a specific model airplane, as well as expanded opportunities for young people, highlight the 2000 schedule at the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh.

The EAA Air Academy is a series of programs that emphasize discovering more about the world of flight with sessions designed for specific age groups or families. The programs are based at EAA's Eagle Flight Leadership Center in Oshkosh, with accommodation at the new Air Academy Lodge adjacent to the Aviation Center.

Adult programs include six separate Wright School of Building and Restoration five-day programs, as well as three-day aircraft maintenance weekend session. Youth programs vary from five to 10 days and are designed for specific age groups between 12 to 18. There are also four family-orientated weekend Family Flight Camps.

The Year 2000 sessions begin in February with a Family Flight Camp and adult programs featuring aircraft maintenance, building and restoration. Skill as well as an emphasis on building the Van's RV series of aircraft.

Among the sessions scheduled during 2000 are:

Aircraft Owner Maintenance-an opportunity for owners and pilots of both homebuilt and manufactured airplanes to learn more about properly maintaining their aircraft for optimum safety and performance;

Wright School of Building and Restoration- Six separate session, two each in the winter, spring and fall, that present an overview of necessary building and restoration techniques or emphasize the construction of a specific model of aircraft;

Youth Programs-EAA's popular summer sessions for young people ages 12-18. Those programs include the Aviation Fun Camp (age 12-13), Aviation Experience Camp (ages 14-15) and Aviation Leadership Camp (ages 16-18). The Leadership Camp includes participation at EAA Air Venture 2000, the world's premier aviation event.

Family Flight Camps- A one-of-a-kind program that offers families a chance to discover more about aviation while spending quality time together. There are four separate weekend sessions during 2000.

Rates vary according to the program. Accommodations for all Air Academy programs are available in the new Air Academy Lodge, a specially built facility that provides Air Academy groups the opportunity to share time together in an aviation atmosphere on the EAA grounds.

In addition, EAA Air Academy hosts a number of internship programs for young people and adults, which offer opportunities to develop aviation skills while also using their talents in other areas.

For more information or registration materials for the Foundation's education programs, call toll free 888-EAA-EAA9 (888-322-3229) OR 920-426-6815. You may also write to the EAA Aviation Foundation Education Office; PO Box 3065, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3065, or contact EAA's World Wide Web site at www.eaa.org. You may also e-mail the Education Office directly at education@eaa.org.

COLUMBUS AIRPORT DEDICATION

The city of Columbus, Stillwater County, and the Columbus Airport Board celebrated the grand opening of their newly expanded airport on September 11th by holding a two day fly-in with two no host pancake breakfasts provided by the Laurel EAA Chapter, a no host barbecue steak dinner and dance provided by the South Central Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association, and a raffle provided by the South Central Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association and the Columbus Barnstormers. During the dedication ceremonies, airport board chairman Dick Henry acted as MC and outlined the history of the project. The \$2 million dollar project was primarily funded with a grant from the Federal Aviation Users Trust Fund with additional grants from the Montana Aeronautics Aviation User Trust Fund. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place between two airplanes with former Mayor Jack Kenyon and airport manager Allen Rickman cutting the ribbon in the rain. The steak barbecue dinner, dance, and raffle followed. Although the celebration was a big success, we all had a feeling of regret that the driving force behind getting the project kicked off could not have been there to be recognized and participate in the celebration – the late Captain Jim Damron. Congratulations to the Columbus Airport Board, City of Columbus, and Stillwater County for supporting this worthy project and seeing it through. This airport will be a big asset to your community.



Scholarship Opportunities

ALOA Scholarships: A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship established in 1993 by an anonymous donor and joined by a second donor in 1997 will once again be awarded in 2000.

Th \$250 flight scholarships offered to Montanans are to be used to help defray costs of flight instruction and will be presented during the 2000 Montana Aviation Conference in Billings.

Awarding of the scholarships will be based on a letter explaining the reasons for applying, future career goals, past aviation experience, if any, and any outstanding achievements.

Letters of application should be sent to Montana Aeronautics Division, P.O. Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604 or call 444-2516 for more information. Letters must be postmarked on or before February 4, 2000.

AOM Flight Training Scholarship: The Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM), includes representatives from the MAMA, MAAA, MATA, EAA, MFF, MT 99s, MPA, CAP, AMAA, MSPA, and the MAD and was formed... "to promote all facets of aviation in the State of Montana..."

AOM has established a scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilot certificate. A scholarship in the amount of \$500 and in its fifth year will be awarded to a Montana student pilot. Applications are being accepted for the scholarship that will be presented at the 2000 Montana Aviation Conference. All applications must be mailed to 1214 W. Crawford, Livingston, MT 59047 and must be postmarked on or before January 10, 2000

Applications and guidelines are available at FBOs and from CFIs throughout the state. Photocopies of an application form are acceptable.

Guidelines include: applicant must be a resident of Montana and all flight training must be received in Montana by a Montana registered CFI plus more.

If you are unable to find an application, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Tina Pomeroy, 1214 W. Crawford, Livingston, MT 59047 or call the Aeronautics Division at 444-2506.

Aviation Appreciation Scholarship: The fifth annual Aviation Appreciation Scholarship will be presented at the Montana Aviation Conference in Billings.

The scholarships is offered by Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service, currently Exec Air in Helena.

Jeff has established the scholarship

as a token of appreciation to the aviation community and increased the award this year to \$300. The scholarship is designed to help a young person seeking a career in aviation.

The scholarship recipient will be selected based upon a Montana resident explaining in a letter the reasons for applying, future career goals, past aviation experience, if any, and any outstanding achievements.

Letters of application should be sent to the Montana Aeronautics Division, P.O. Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604 or call 444-2506 for more information. Letters must be postmarked on or before February 4, 2000.

Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship: Kathy and Joe Kuberka, owners of Blue Goose Aviation, will be awarding the third annual \$250 scholarship to a first generation pilot to assist with flight training. This scholarship is designed to assist a person who has a love of aviation, yet had limited exposure to aviation, someone from a non-aviation background/family. The recipient may be a new student pilot or an individual working towards an additional rating.

The scholarship recipient, a Montana resident, will be selected based on a letter explaining the reasons for applying, future career goals, and any outstanding achievements.

Letters of application should be sent to the Montana Aeronautics Division, P.O. Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604 or call 444-2506 for more information. Letters must be postmarked on or before February 4, 2000.

Montana Pilots Association Junior Award:

The Montana Pilots Association is seeking applicants for its Junior Pilot of the Year Award. The recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. New pilots are frequently chosen for this award, but don't let the Junior fool you, this award can be given to any deserving age group. This person is most likely pursuing a professional aviation career.

Interested applicants must be a resident of Montana and previously soloed. Preference will be given to younger applicants who are new pilots. However, other applicants pursuing a profession in aviation may be considered. Applicant must submit a letter explaining their interest in aviation. It should also outline their community or school involvement as well as academic and other achievements.

Letters of application should be sent to the Montana Aeronautics Division, P.O. Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604 or call 444-2506 for more information. Letters must be postmarked on or before February 4, 2000.

99s Scholarship: The Montana Chapter of the Ninety Nines will award the eighth annual Esther Combs Vance/Vern Vine Memorial Flight Training Scholarship at the Montana Aviation Conference in Billings. The scholarship is to aid in the financing of a female student pilots flight training or any Montana female interested in learning how to fly.

Applicants must reside in Montana and receive flight training in Montana by a Montana registered CFI.

Interested applications must submit an essay of 500 words stating the reason for wanting to learn to fly, including where your interest began and plans for obtaining your private pilot certificate together with other application materials. Improperly submitted applications will be disqualified.

Applications must be mailed to 1214 W. Crawford, Livingston, MT 59047 and postmarked on or before February 10, 2000. If you need more information please write to Tina Pomeroy at the above address. Requests for applications should be sent to the above address, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or call the Aeronautics Division at 444-2506.

Parrott Family Scholarship: The Parrott Family will award a fourth annual aviation scholarship in 2000 to a Montana high school student. The scholarship will pay \$1,000 and is to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate, and may include Instrument and Multi-engine ratings that are required by the RMC aviation curriculum. Eligible expenses include aircraft rental, flight and ground instruction, simulator training, and the purchase of aviation-related educational materials and related supplies.

The award will be made by a selection committee and will be based on overall character, academic qualifications, seriousness of purpose, past aviation-related activities, if any, or any other criteria it determines to be appropriate.

Applicants need to send a letter of application to the Montana Aeronautics Division, P.O. Box 5178, Helena, MT 59604. Letters must be postmarked on or before February 4, 2000.

The award will be made at the Montana Aviation Conference in Billings in early March.

TIME TO REGISTER

It is that time again, in preparation for the 2000 Montana flying year, the Montana Aeronautics Division has mailed out aircraft invoices and pilot registration cards. Remember the Montana pilot registration is not only a state law, but also a valuable tool for Montana search and rescue efforts. Montana Aeronautics funds the Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, provides fuel and oil for search aircraft, Winter Survival, and supports the Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, the Montana Aviation Conference and aviation education throughout the state. The \$10.00 pilot registration fee includes the monthly newsletter, "Montana and the Sky". Thank you for your support!

The Division is mandated by Montana law to account for all Montana aircraft, not later than March 1 of each calendar year. Aircraft not registered by the March 1 deadline, according to statute, must pay a penalty of five times the fee plus the fee. Montana law also states that, "A person who owns or causes or authorizes an aircraft to be operated or who operates an aircraft without a registration decal displayed on the aircraft, commits a misdemeanor." A newly purchased aircraft must be registered within 30 days of entering the state. Aircraft coming to the state for commercial purposes must be registered prior to commencing operation.

It is important to note that unflyable, uncompleted, damaged or destroyed aircraft must also be accounted for each year. Upon carefully reading the aircraft invoice, please note that there is no fee charged to an "unflyable" aircraft, sold aircraft or dealer inventory aircraft. You must, however, indicate the status of each aircraft and certify that the described aircraft information is true and correct. Lastly, aircraft registration invoices must be signed on the reverse side in order for our office to complete the registration process.

If you do not receive your aircraft invoice or have any questions, please feel free to call the Division at (406) 444-2506.

Fantasy Flight

As the B-757 jetliner, loaded with 90 disadvantaged and disabled children, soared into the night sky over Portland, cries of delight filled the cabin of United's "Fantasy Flight" to the North Pole. The flight gave a few dozen youngsters a Christmas treat they won't forget. With a donated jet, a volunteer crew and United employees and union members serving as escorts and entertainers, the children ate, drank, sang Christmas carols and partied for a 1 1/2 hour swing to Seattle and back. Waiting at the terminal was a Santa Claus in full dress. This flight was one of 52 that United will conduct worldwide this year.

Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic is slated for February 4 & 5, 2000

Flight Instructors please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Montana Aeronautics Division Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic. The clinic meets FAA requirements for CFI and Chief CFI renewal, and registration forms are in the mail to all Montana 1999 registered CFI pilots.

The Flight Instructor Clinic will be held in Helena at the Best Western Colonial Hotel, registration will get under way at 1500 on February 4, 2000. Classroom sessions start at 1600 -2200 on Friday, February 4, 2000 and continue on Saturday, February 5 at 0700- 1800. The tuition is \$90.00 (in-state pilots that are registered for 1999), \$100.00 for in-state pilots that did not register in 1999 and \$110 for out of state CFIs. Classroom size is limited to 60 participants. Applicants will be selected on the basis of those with certificates that will expire February of 2000, then "Chief Flight Instructors" needing to renew annually and last but not least, others (including out of state CFIs). Selected applicants will be notified by mail on January 19, 2000.

A block of 30 rooms at the Best Western Colonial Hotel has been reserved for participants of the clinic, please contact the hotel direct at 1-800-422-1002 before January 21, 2000 to reserve a room at a special rate.

"Wings of the Cascades Aviation Training" will be putting on the two-day clinic. Mary Schu, the President and Chief Instructor of "Wings of the Cascades", grew up on a wheat farm in eastern Washington. She has been an active flight instructor and corporate pilot for 24 years. She holds a single and multi-engine ATP, CFIA, CFII and MEI ratings. She is type rated in CE-500 Cessna Citations and IA Jet AC 1121,1123,1124 Jet Commander and West wind aircraft.

AVIATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAMES OF PARTICIPANT(S) (for name tags)_____

ADDRESS & PHONE_____

Your Organization Affiliation:
(choose one only for nametag)

MPA____ MATA____ MFF____
MAMA____ 99S____ MAAA____
EAA____ AMAA____ CAP____
MSPA____ OTHER_____

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING
RESERVATIONS

NOTE: Meals tickets must be
purchased 48 hours in advance.

TAKEOFF TO LANDING PACKAGE
(INCLUDES REGS. & ALL MEALS)

____@**\$85/PERSON** \$_____
____@**\$145/PERSON/SPOUSE** \$_____

-OR- REG. FEE ____ @ \$45/PERSON \$_____

____ @ \$60/FAMILY \$_____

____@ -0- STUDENT PILOT **\$WAIVED**

Thursday Luncheon____ @ \$10 \$_____

Friday Luncheon____ @ FREE \$____-0-_____

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Saturday Banquet____ @ \$25 \$_____

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